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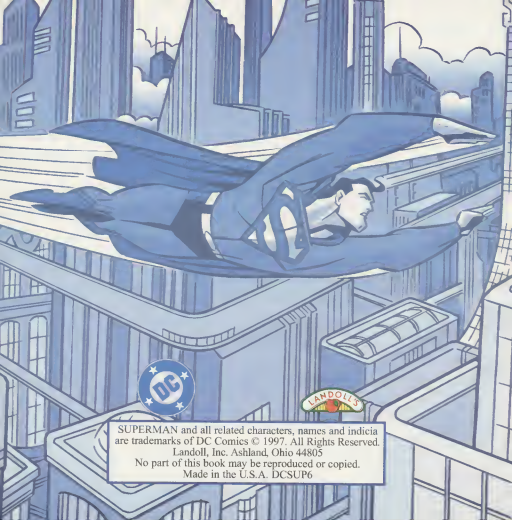
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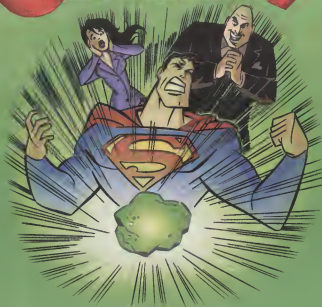




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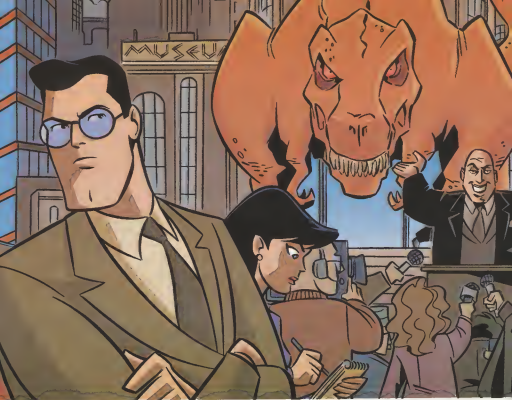
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Superman improved the quality of life in Metropolis. He became the city's protector, battling natural disasters and crushing the forces of evil. When his services were not needed, he assumed the guise of Clark Kent, reporter for the *Daily Planet*.





One day, Clark and his colleague Lois Lane attended a sneak preview of Lex Luthor's latest project. "Welcome to my Museum of Natural History," said Lex. "Our artifacts are protected by this impenetrable security system: a life-size robotic T. rex dinosaur!"

During the presentation, Clark's superhearing picked up a muffled explosion somewhere in the museum. Using his X-ray vision, he pinpointed two thieves about to steal jewels. Clark quickly disappeared from the crowd before Lois noticed he was missing.





The unsuspecting thieves thought nobody had noticed them. Snatching their bags of loot, they prepared to leave the museum. Little did they know that Superman stood in their path!





Suddenly, Superman began to feel weak and very dizzy. Unable to stand, he noticed an eerie green glow in a case displaying strange rocks. Superman tried to move away, but fell to the floor, while the thieves fled the scene.

Later, Luthor replayed the scene on the museum's surveillance tapes. He quickly realized what was responsible for the Man of Steel's weakness. "Let's get those rocks to my lab for Professor Peterson to examine," he told his assistant Mercy Graves.





At Lex Labs, Professor Peterson realized the rock came from an alien solar system. "We must test it against Superman at once," said Luthor. "But it could benefit mankind..." the professor responded. "Forget mankind," Lex screamed, "You work for me!"

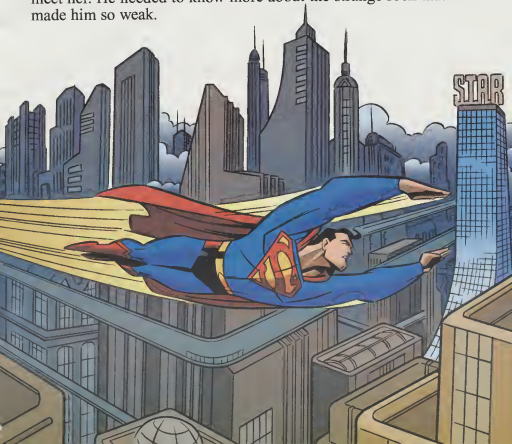
**Alarmed, Professor Peterson decided to secretly contact Lois Lane. Nervously handing her one of the mysterious rocks, the scientist whispered urgently: "Bring this to my colleague Professor Hamilton at S.T.A.R. Labs. It could mean trouble for Superman!"**





Back at his headquarters, Luthor discovered that one of his rocks was missing. "I hear that Lois Lane took a rock over to Professor Hamilton," he told Mercy. "I want to know who double-crossed me!"

Before leaving, Lois informed Clark she was going to S.T.A.R. Labs. Clark quickly changed into Superman and flew across Metropolis to meet her. He needed to know more about the strange rock that had made him so weak.



At S.T.A.R. Labs, Professor Hamilton discovered the stone was from Superman's home planet, Krypton. "Only metal lead can shield you from the rock's radiation," the professor told the hero.





Superman was able to safely hold the stone in a lead box. "Kryptonite meteors must have fallen to earth when Krypton exploded," he observed.

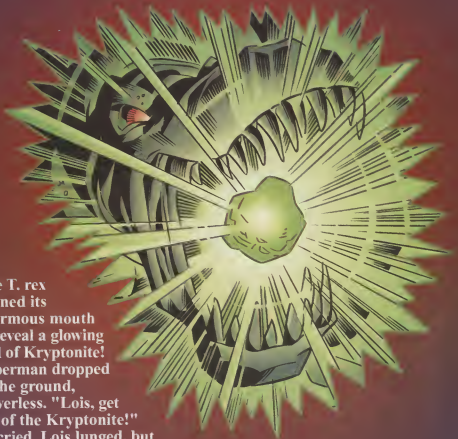
Just then, Professor Peterson called Lois. "Meet me at the museum immediately," he said, "or Superman is doomed."





Lois and Superman arrived at the museum but could not find Professor Peterson. Suddenly, they heard a thunderous roar, and the gigantic robotic T. rex used to protect the museum appeared. Stunned, Lois and Superman could only watch the monster draw closer.

The T. rex opened its enormous mouth to reveal a glowing ball of Kryptonite! Superman dropped to the ground, powerless. "Lois, get rid of the Kryptonite!" he cried. Lois lunged, but the T. rex chased her aside, snapping its ferocious jaws.



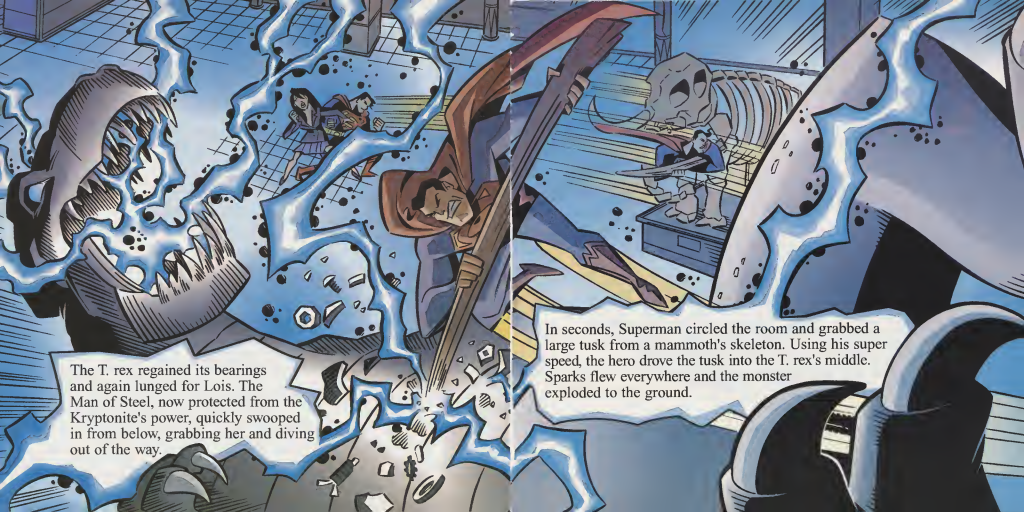


Controlling the T. rex by remote control, Lex watched his monster bring Superman to his end. "I can get rid of him with a single shiny green stone," he exclaimed. Quickly, Lex commanded the T. rex to hurl Superman across the room.

Powerless, Superman noticed some lead cups in a display, and suddenly remembered Professor Hamilton's words: "Lois, the cups...made of lead!"

Dodging the beast's bite, Lois grabbed the Kryptonite and shot it into one of the cups. "Two points!" she cried.



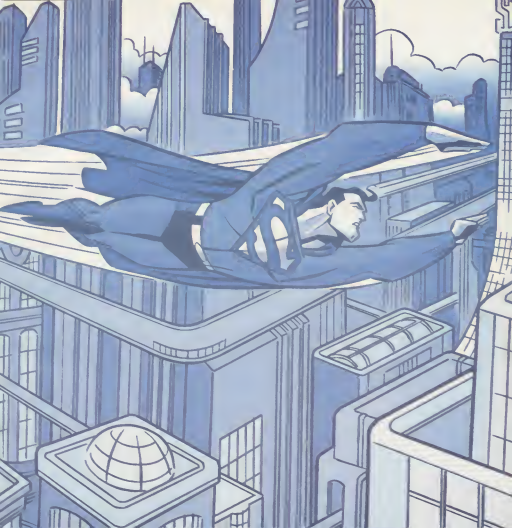
A two-page comic book spread. The left page shows a T. rex lunging at Lois Lane, who is being held by Superman. Superman is diving to the ground to save her. The right page shows Superman using a mammoth tusk as a weapon against the T. rex. Sparks are flying from the impact point.

The T. rex regained its bearings and again lunged for Lois. The Man of Steel, now protected from the Kryptonite's power, quickly swooped in from below, grabbing her and diving out of the way.

In seconds, Superman circled the room and grabbed a large tusk from a mammoth's skeleton. Using his super speed, the hero drove the tusk into the T. rex's middle. Sparks flew everywhere and the monster exploded to the ground.



After pitching the lethal Kryptonite into space, Superman searched the museum for Luthor, but Lex had disappeared. Although his foe had escaped, the Man of Steel was still happy no one was hurt. Once again, super-teamwork had triumphed.









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